

THE EVENING POST.

CITY SPECIALS.

Do Not Buy
Your Christmas supply of Candles, Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Fruit Cakes, Florida Oranges, Mince Grapes, etc., until you have seen our stock. Fine candles in 1/2, 1, 2 and 3 pound boxes. Fine fresh mince, 1 lb. or 7 pounds, \$1.10 to 20c. or 5 pounds, \$1. Very fine fruit cake, 5 pound boxes, \$1.50. See it to appreciate it. Fresh and fine mixed nuts, 1 lb., 7 pounds, \$1. New layer size, 20c. and 1 lb. per pound. Confectionery powdered sugar for home use, elegant table butter, splendid turkey, dressed, on sale Friday and Saturday. Give us your orders and get the best of goods at lowest prices.

417 Seventh street northwest.

Fine Wines and Liquors.

Chr. Zander's, 900 Seventh street northwest. The most complete liquor house and stock in the city. Fine old Whiskies of 1870-75, etc., specialty and always in hand. Direct importations of Farnsworth Bros. and M. M. M. fine Scotch and Port, Ayala & Co. Champagne, d'Ar Champagne, Cress & Pils Prose Cigarettes.

Immense bargains to be had at Hamburger's Fire and Smoke Sale.

Holiday Goods on the Installment Plan.
John Rudden, the popular installment merchant at 100 and 101 Second street northwest, has a full supply of furniture, stoves, china, rugs, willow ware, chairs and many other substantial articles. His entire assortment can be bought at cash prices on the installment plan, on easy weekly or monthly payments, to suit the purchaser.

Come and get one of our 47c Black Hair Muffs at Guinip's.

Christmas Confectionery.

The holidays are fast approaching and thousands of people are now wondering where they will buy their confectionery. We would recommend Frank Shuman, Confectioner and Manufacturer, where you can find pure Candies at popular prices. His Candy establishment is centrally located at 410 Seventh street northwest.

You can find most any kind of Xmas present you want at Guinip's.

Rochester for Light.

Chas. A. Goddard, Gas Meters for new houses. Rochester and other lamps. 1200 F St.

Go to R. A. Golden's.

Fish Stalls, at Centre Market, for Crabs, back and head-back. All kinds of Game, Fresh Fish, Kennebec salmon, etc. Lobsters, Turkeys, Lobsters, Oysters, etc. Telephone 447-3.

Have you seen the great show of holiday goods at Guinip's?

It is the Best.

Ask for it. Schiller's Milwaukee Lager Beer. For sale by all leading houses.

How about that Silver Hair Muff you can buy for 75c. at Guinip's?

For Washington Dressed Deaf

go to John T. Kelly, stalls 222, 223 and 224 Centre Market and 200 and 201 Northern Liberty. Corned beef a specialty.

Have you been lucky to secure one of those elegant Seal Plush Coats that we sell for \$19.40? If not, come at once to Guinip's.

"Alderney Dairy Wagon."

Fresh Alderney milk, delivered daily morning and afternoon in 1/2 B. "Ward" prints, 45c. per lb. Also, cottage cheese, butter, milk and sweet milk, 5c. per qt. Cream, 10c. per pt.

CITY NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The Deutsche Dramatische Gesellschaft met in the Sun building last night.

The Maryland Republican Association adopted a new constitution last night.

The Six o'clock Club will meet to-night and discuss whether an honest man can earn a million dollars.

The Garfield Hospital Fair at Willard Hall closed last night. Some \$2,000, it is estimated, were cleared.

Martha Jackson and William Jackson walked in from Cabin John's bridge yesterday, to testify in the Criminal Court.

The South Washington Harrison and Morton Club met last night and decided not to participate in the inauguration parade.

John Garfield has presented James A. Garfield Post of this city a copy of the "Grand Army Memorial Record."

David Thompson, or Elar Emathia, a delegate of the Creed Nation, died at 1361 Ohio avenue last night.

A number of members of the Grindstone Club left this morning for Philadelphia to meet Mr. Frank Thompson, who invited them to meet the Glover Club in the Quaker City.

George Watts and James Latney, two young colored men, became involved in a difficulty on Eleventh street, near Q street, last Sunday night. Latney was cut in the neck, but it is claimed by the parties that they were only "fooling."

An ulster and a pair of shoes were stolen from Miss Ida Wilson of the Globe Theatre last night and taken to the Police Court.

Horn and Private Weeden arrested a negro named John Davis on the charge of stealing the articles. They were recovered and Davis was locked up.

The Standard Gas Machine and Portable Gas-Lamp Company have chosen the following officers: President, General S. S. Burdett; vice-president, Hon. M. M. Stoddard; secretary, B. F. Crawshaw; treasurer, George E. Kimmons.

Mrs. George M. Oyster died suddenly last night at her home, 212 East Capitol street. Mrs. Oyster had been ill for some time, and Monday she suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy. She was the mother of George M. Oyster, Jr., and Captain J. F. Oyster.

Department Commander Lincoln and staff visited Lincoln Post No. 3, on the occasion of the annual muster. About 300 comrades were present, and the officers, Captains and Peters were seated on the platform. The department officers to-night visit Meade Post.

Amusements.

The Kellogg Opera Company presented "Faust" at Alhambra's last night with a fine audience in attendance. Miss Kellogg's Marguerite, gave somewhat older, but her voice is still sweet and her face is still fair.

Mr. Labatt's Faust is rather heavy; Mr. Lynde's Marguerite was strong in acting; Melissande's Helen was pretty; and the opera was enjoyed. Mr. Lee (Valentine) has a voice of sympathetic sweetness. Miss Myra's Martha was sung well. There were strong points and weak ones in the opera, but the scenic effects are lacking. To-night "Bohemian Girl."

To-night at 8 o'clock the Editors and Authors' reading will be given at Masonic Hall for the benefit of the Woman's Dispensary, and a fine audience is promised. Ten minute talks and readings will be given by H. J. Cox, Editor Sylvester, Librarian Spofford, Editor Noyes, Editor Fox, Mr. W. J. Lampton (Judge Noyes), Professor Horowitz, Post Henry T. Stoddard and Mr. J. C. Remus' Stoffer. There will also be some fine music by a small quartet of merit.

Mr. C. T. Wood, business manager for Armstrong's Comic Opera Company, with "The man of the Guard," at Alhambra's next week, is in town running the gamut.

Veterans in the City.

A delegation of Veterans in the interest of securing the passage of the per diem bill are in the city. They are General John B. Halbit, Charles H. Carter, William O. Crowns, John of Massachusetts, W. H. Clinton and F. H. Barton of New York, C. B. Johnson and A. J. Collins of New Jersey, U. T. Pittman of Connecticut, J. K. Collins and W. D. Farn of Ohio and John C. Carter of Kansas. They passed today in visiting the departments and seeing the city. To-morrow they will appear before the Pension Committee. On Saturday they will visit the battlefields of Bull Run.

He Died in His Chair.

Robert Percival Barbour died very suddenly from heart disease as he sat at a table in Shuman's saloon last evening. The coroner gave permission for the removal of the body to his brother-in-law's house, at 1919 F street. Mr. Barbour was employed in the Sixth Auditor's office, to which he was very popular.

Convicted of Larceny.

Richard Williams, colored, was found guilty of larceny in the Criminal Court to-day. He was accused of stealing a household of goods and chattels belonging to William Jackson while the latter and his wife were absent.

Stealing Chickens by Wholesale.

Leo Wilson appeared in the Police Court this morning to answer to the charge of stealing nineteen chickens from Mr. Wall, who resides in the county. The case was sent to the grand jury.

UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION.

EXCHANGING CERTIFICATES FOR 6 PER CENT. SECURITIES.

The Commissioners Opposed to the Bill—It Would be Unfair to Those Who Took the 3.65 Bonds—Their Views on the Question.

The Commissioners are decidedly opposed to the bill "to provide for the payment of 8 per cent. greenback certificates of the District of Columbia and for other purposes," which was referred to them for their views as to the advisability of its passage. They state that so far as they are able to discern the object of the bill is to obtain interest at the rate of 6 per cent. on certain certificates of the Board of Commissioners issued in June, 1880, which authorized their exchange for bonds bearing 3.65 per cent. interest.

These certificates bore no interest, but when they were exchanged for 3.65 bonds, the coupons from the date of the certificates were allowed to remain on the bonds so that the certificates brought 3.65 per cent. interest.

This application for additional interest is made presumably on the ground that as these certificates during that period represented a debt upon which no rate of interest was levied by the law authorizing its creation, the holders were therefore entitled to the legal rate of 6 per cent.

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WHY THEY ALL LAUGHED.

A Remarkable Scene in the Supreme Court Room.

Special to the Baltimore American.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Sensational and Representative coming through the main corridor of the Capitol, past the sacred shrine where sit the honorables the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, were amazed to-day to hear peal after peal of uproarious mirth and merriment issuing from the room.

They entered and attended probably the most remarkable scene ever witnessed in that room, for they saw the nine lofty oaken chairs in a very abandon of laughter.

John Wise, the Virginia lawyer, was addressing the court. It seems that some clever person had patented a device for strengthening the seams and crotch of drawers. Mr. Wise and the other lawyers were in this unblushing giggle in the Supreme Court, without any attempt at euphemism; therefore others may repeat it in all modesty. The patent consists really of what might be called a "lay-over." It is a very ingenious and exceedingly practical. Mr. Wise's client was charged with infringing the patent.

The plaintiff's counsel submitted a pair of able-bodied drawers thus reinforced to the stern justices, and they examined the familiar garment with keen and technical interest. The able counsel showed the great value of the patent, and contended that through it "one pair was as good as two pairs," and he discussed learnedly the impossibility of any splits in such drawers.

Mr. Wise made a solemn bow to the honorables, and then devoted himself to the pair of drawers. He argued that it was totally against the laws of nature. The patent proposed to patch drawers before they were worn, while the logic of events was never to patch drawers until they were torn. No patent like this should ever have been granted. From time immemorial, he said, with a fine sense of eloquence